PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Claudio DE GIROLAMO, et al. Attorney Docket Q63003

Appln. No.: not yet assigned Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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For: TRAFFIC PROTECTION MECHANISM FOR A FIBER OPTIC NETWORK HAVING A LINEAR TOPOLOGY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

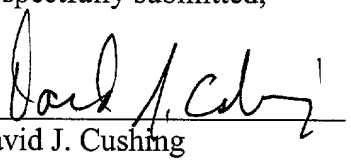
12. (Amended) A computer program comprising computer program code means adapted to perform all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.

13. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program recorded thereon, said computer-readable medium comprising computer program code means adapted to perform all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

12. (Amended) A computer program comprising computer program code means adapted to perform all the steps of [claims 1 to 4]claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.

13. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program recorded thereon, said computer-readable medium comprising computer program code means adapted to perform all the steps of [claims 1 to 4]claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.